

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR FORESTERS**

Board Meeting: December 7, 2005

Minutes Approved by the Board on March 8, 2006

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on Wednesday, December 7, 2005, at the Office of the Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

W. Dale Greene, Vice Chairman and Forester
Fred W. Greer, Jr., Consumer Member
James Fred Allen, Forester
Charlie Bonner Jones, Forester

Others present:

Sherry Harrison, Applications Specialist
Ruth Reece, Applications Specialist
Marie S. Urquhart, Board Secretary
Tanja Battle, Assistant Division Director
Jackie Turner, Investigations Unit
Inez Lockett, Examination Unit
Patricia Downing, Board Attorney
Devony Sanford, Help Desk Specialist

Vice Chairman Greene established a quorum was present at 9:30 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jones made a motion to **approve** the minutes of the July 15, 2005 meeting. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A presentation was given on the online availability for applicants to check the status of their license applications from the website.

Mr. Jones made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive an investigative report. Mr. Greer seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Members Allen, Greene, Greer, and Jones. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Applications:

The Board reviewed the list of applicants licensed since the last review. Mr. Greer made a motion to **approve** those licensed. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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The following applicants were **approved** for Licensure since the last review:

License #	Name	Date	Method
RF002773	Benjamin Mark Addison	08/31/2005	Examination
RF002774	Ned Dean Neenan	08/31/2005	Examination
RF002775	Matthew Dean Wilson	08/31/2005	Examination

Applications were presented for the Board's review. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the following applications for licensure, examination, and reinstatement that met certification requirements. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The following applicants were **approved** for Licensure:

RF002776	Greshelda H. Addison	12/07/2005	Examination
RF002777	Todd Eric Berman	12/07/2005	Examination
RF002778	Grady Stephen Burdette	12/07/2005	Examination
RF002779	Donald Wayne Hendrix	12/07/2005	Examination
RF002780	Randolph Bryan Jones, Jr.	12/07/2005	Examination
RF002781	Jeffrey Earl Kross	12/07/2005	Examination
RF002782	Robert Ernest Lee, Jr.	12/07/2005	Examination
RF002783	Jason Derrell McGee	12/07/2005	Examination
RF002784	Mark Ashley McClellan	12/07/2005	Examination
RF002785	Jody Adell Padgett	12/07/2005	Examination
RF002786	Chad Lee Pritchett	12/07/2005	Examination
RF002787	William Robert Sarvis	12/07/2005	Examination

The following applicants were **approved** for Examination:

Donnie Thomas Fleming
Amanda L. Wood
John Cullen Wood

The following applicants were **disapproved** for Examination – colleges are not accredited by the Society of American Foresters:

James Elijah Moore, III
Kirkpatrick Allen Sanders

The following applicant was **approved** for Licensure pending passage of the examination:

Ronald Dale Cassell

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The following applicants were **approved** for Reinstatement of Licensure:

William Flynn Miller, III
John Raymond deBrauwere
Michael Sanders Martin
Bradley Shane Harrelson

Renewals:

Convictions: The Board reviewed documents relating to an application for renewal from a licensee who answered “yes” to the conviction/sanction question. Mr. Allen made a motion to **approve** the following licensee for renewal. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Investigative Report:

The Board heard a report from the Investigative Unit on the following case.

FOR050035 – After discussion with the Board Attorney, Mr. Jones made a motion to engage an expert peer reviewer to review the case and offered the name of a forester to conduct the peer review. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Enforcement Committee reviewed the status of open cases.

FOR030025 – Mr. Greer made a motion to monitor the renewal status of the licensee through the late renewal period. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Greer made a motion to **approve** the following recommendations. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FOR050034 – close the case

FOR050036 – close the case

FOR050037 – close the case

FOR060039 – After review of a written response from the respondent, Mr. Allen made a motion to send additional correspondence to the respondent. Mr. Greer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FOR060041 – Mr. Allen made a motion to close the case. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Examination Report:

The Board heard a report from the Examination Unit on the 2005 Examination. The Board requested that the 2007 examination dates be changed from January and August to March and September.

Board Attorney:

The Board heard a report from the Board Attorney on a case.

Correspondence, Written Requests, Inquiries and Information Items:

The Board reviewed information relating to curriculum changes at the University of Georgia. Mr. Jones made a motion to allow the Warnell School of Forest Resources graduates who entered the wildlife or forest environmental resources program before Fall Semester 2005 and who successfully completed the silviculture class to qualify for the Forester's Examination. Mr. Greer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed topics for *Georgia Forestry Today* articles.

The Board reviewed the Board Newsletter that is accessible at the website.

The Board reviewed other miscellaneous correspondence and information that did not require a vote or action.

2006 Examination Dates:

The Board reviewed the 2006 Examination dates. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the dates. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

January 11, 2006

August 9, 2006

2006 Board Meeting Dates:

The Board reviewed the 2006 Board meeting dates. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the following dates. Mr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

March 8, 2006

July 12, 2006

May 10, 2006

December 6, 2006

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2006 Annual Election of Officers:

The Board held the 2006 annual election of officers. Mr. Jones made a motion to re-elect the present slate of officers for 2006. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

John W. Mixon – Chairman

Walter Dale Greene – Vice Chairman

Other Business:

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Marie S. Urquhart

Recorded by Board Secretary

Gwyn H. Ridley

Reviewed by Executive Director

John W. Mixon

Chairman

Mollie L. Fleeman

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Division Director

These minutes were signed on March 8, 2006

These minutes were approved on March 8, 2006

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Attachment**

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**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING
OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now Walter Dale Greene, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all over aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On December 7, 2005 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

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4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:

OCGA 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19(h)

5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

RECEIPT OF AND DELIBERATIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS
AND APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DELIBERATIONS
REGARDING INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS;
RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Walter Dale Greene
PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 7th day of December , 2005

Marie S. Urquhart
Notary Public